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For: **SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL
BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND
SURGICAL ACCESS**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

A Request to Extend Time accompanies this paper. In response to the Election Requirement dated March 11, 2002, applicants elect species IX in Figures 20-21.

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims in this application are as follows:

58. (Unchanged) A combination for use during surgery on a person, comprising:
a flexible base sheet;
a material sheet attached to a first surface of the base sheet by a plurality of seals to form an inflatable portion with a periphery, the inflatable portion having a periphery;
a plurality of apertures through the base sheet within the periphery; and
a surgical drape attached to, or formed integrally with, the inflatable portion and extending beyond the periphery.

59. (Unchanged) A combination in accordance with claim 58, wherein the inflatable portion is for covering the pelvic region and lower extremities of the person, and the surgical drape is rectangular in shape.